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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Akira SENDA

Application No.: 09/103,398

Filed: June 24, 1998

For: LENS UNIT WITH LOCAL CONTROL )  
BY THE LENS UNIT OR REMOTE :  
CONTROL BY A CAMERA UNIT AND )  
WITH DETECTING OF SIGNAL FROM :  
CAMERA UNIT )

Examiner: J. Whipkey

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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the following document:

U.S. Patent No. 5,157,431 (Mabuchi, et al.).

It will be appreciated that the document was cited in the January 6, 1999, Information Disclosure Statement; accordingly, no copy or Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

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REMARKS

The aforementioned document was recently cited in a Chinese Official Action of a counterpart foreign patent application corresponding to the above-referenced application. The Official Action was issued on May 17, 2002. A copy of the Official Action with English translation is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

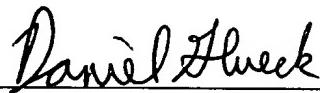
We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

CONCLUSION AND REQUEST REGARDING  
JANUARY 6, 1999, INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner. Furthermore, Applicant notes that the last two entries on the Form PTO-1449 of the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 6, 1999, and returned with the February 27, 2002, Official Action (copy of Form PTO-1449 attached) were not initialed, and respectfully requests that the same be initialed and the Form PTO-1449 be returned. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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